



The Amy Blair Thaims

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Parents' Visit to Chiang Mai

It was such a blessing to have my parents come visit me for 2 weeks. They came for the last week of school, which was spent mostly packing, moving, and unpacking my classroom from the 1st floor to the 3rd floor.

The second week we visited the village where I spent last summer as well as the one where I will be living this fall. We also did things with my Thai church, visited with my friends, went to the Night Safari, and visited a Buddhist temple.

My parents enjoyed getting to:

- meet my students
- see the school
- ride a motorbike for the 1st time (dad)
- eat the yummy Thai food
- listen to Thais worship
- meet and chat with my friends, both Thai and foreign
- ride in the mountains



Mom led a reading group



Eating with my Thai cell group

GIVE THANKS:

- God's daily provision of everything I need
- Wonderful family reunion in Bali, Indonesia
- Great times in America reconnecting with family and friends
- Safe travel around Asia and America
- God never ceasing to direct my heart in the way He wants

Blair Family Reunion in Bali!



My nephew, Micah, and I doing the Asian squat

A reunion in Bali? Wow!

Why Bali?

Bali is the center-most location of all the Blair girls. My oldest sister serves in the Philippines and my middle sister serves in Indonesia.

What did you do there?

We had a lot of time to just chat and hang out together. We celebrated the gift-giving part of Christmas together. We also enjoyed a bit of sight-seeing, swimming, watching the surfers, playing in the sand, reading and playing at a water park.

Any favorite restaurants?

We loved eating grilled fresh fish on the beach, watching the sun go down, hearing the waves crash, feeling the sea breezes, and smelling the salty air.

Where did you stay?

We stayed at a resort. We all stayed in one place with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, a kitchen, and dining room.

How long were you there?

We had 10 precious days together with no phone calls, no responsibilities, and no interruptions. It was wonderful to be together.

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2-Month “Break” in America



Following our Bali reunion, my parents and I flew back to Tremont, IL. I have enjoyed a break from the fast-paced schedule I hold in Chiang Mai. Walking in the woods, working in my flower garden, picking berries, making applesauce, and mowing the lawn were so refreshing to me.

I also had great times reconnecting with friends and supporters. Many evening meals were spent chatting with friends about what God has done in my life the last few years.

A highlight was going to the State Fair, a Blair family tradition. My 3rd graders read [Charlotte's Web](#) but most have never been to a fair like Wilbur went to. I took tons of pictures to show my kids what a fair is like.



One of the pigs at the fair

I suppose one of the reasons every missionary has to come back to their home country is to purchase “stuff” to take back. I am no exception.

Here are some of my purchased goodies:

- shoes
- books
- candy
- silly putty
- Bible studies
- cards
- voice recorder
- lotion
- deodorant
- stickers
- tea
- dried cranberries
- computer lock
- Lucky Charms
- puzzles
- Odyssey CDs
- muffin mix
- antibacterial hand gel

Celebrating Thai Mother's Day

August 12 is the Thailand Queen's birthday, and so it is Mother's Day. This year I got to surprise my mom by making her breakfast, taking her out to lunch with friends, and eating dinner out with dad. It was a fun day of honoring her without her even knowing it was Mother's Day.



Headed for New Adventures

I return to Thailand Sept. 2, but will not be teaching 3rd graders. God has given me an opportunity to study the Northern Thai language intensively by living with Mae Laa, a lady who lives in a village 3 hours north of Chiang Mai near the city of Chiang Rai. I will be living on Mae Laa's living room floor until December. Mae Laa is such a sweet, fun lady, and I look forward to getting to know her well.

I would really appreciate your prayers as I go into this unknown. I am so excited for what God will teach me through this experience.



Following this 4 month village stay, I plan to return to teaching my 3rd graders in January.

Please bring before our Father:

- To be contagious - that others will want a relationship with Jesus
- To develop close relationships with the people in the village
- Vulnerability, understanding, and love in relationship with Mae Laa
- Ministry - something to *do* that will aid in Northern Thai learning and further the Kingdom
- Provision of a Northern Thai tutor
- Ability to speak and understand Northern Thai

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go.” Ps. 32:8